The Pastor Speaks

By JAMES M. WILLIAMS
Subject: The Idea

A sturdily built old barn of massive hand-hewn timbers fell. The timbers were strong and sound. The foundation was solid and secure. The weakness was in the small wooden pins that held it together. Rain had leaked in and rot destroyed the little things that held the large timbers together. Sometimes ideas seem small or unimportant. But they are the small factors that hold together and give meaning to the large experiences of living. Worry, concern, inability to forgive and forget, bickerings, and grudges, reflect the decay of faith in self and others which brings rot and collapse to human experience.

With an adequate idea to hold them together, what may be meaningless blocks of human experience can fit into a useful pattern. Without such an idea, a bridge or a life may become a pile of rubble. The Apostle Paul with many and difficult experiences as the raw material of his life, moved beyond doubt and uncertainty to a faith that made him useful and sent him forth in a new spirit, even when he did not know what lay ahead. To doubt life makes life doubtful. To believe in a worthy purpose for life, makes life purposeful. Many people today suffer from the destroying effect of a small faith or a large doubt. You can reverse this by giving proper place to the seemingly unimportant factors of the ideas that can hold life together for you. You can have a life which is a mass of frustrating experience or a life that is a useful instrument, you have the choice.

Honor graduates cited

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FBLA, the National Honor Society, Latin Club, Science Club and Madrigal Group for which she was pianist. Tammy has been a Candy Stripper at Virginia Baptist Hospital and at church she has served as Children's Choir Director, Out-Reach Leader, Youth Choir member and Vice-President of Acteens. She plans to attend CVCC for secretarial training.

John Frederick Jinkson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don F. Jinkson of Appomattox, attended the 1980 Hopwood Scholars Program at Lynchburg College where he will enroll this fall with a Hopwood Scholarship and will study accounting. John also attended the 1980 Governor's School for the Gifted and has participated in the ACHS Program for Gifted and Talented. He has served as Business Manager and Co-Editor of the Yearbook Staff, as reporter for the Latin Club and member of the National Honor Society, FBLA and Science Club. John is interested in music and has just received first place awards for a song submitted to the Virginia Federation of Music.

Richard Allen Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Jones of Spout Spring. A student in the ACHS Agricultural Co-operation Program, Richard serves as FFA president this year and plans to run the State Office for 81-82. He is also involved in the Farm Bureau and Keep Virginia Green Crew as well as in the National Honor Society. Future plans include full-time employment and possibly a program through CVCC.

Kathryn Anne Lewis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Lewis of Appomattox. She has been active in the Program for the Gifted and Talented, the National Honor Society, FBLA and the Drama Club. She was a Varsity Cheerleader and was also chosen as a delegate to Virginia Girls State. She will be attending CVCC this fall in Business Administration and will transfer to Virginia Tech with a major in Accounting.

Carroll David Kanipe is the son of Mrs. David Kanipe of Appomattox. During high school Carroll has been involved in the Program for the Gifted and Talented, FFA, National Honor Society, Spanish Club and Drama Club. Carroll also has served as president of his Sunday School Class. This fall he will be attending Virginia Tech to study computer science.

Michele Ann Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry A. Martin of Spout Spring. During high school Michele has participated in the National Honor Society, FHA, Spanish Club and Band. She is very active in church work and has served as President of Acteens. Michele will be attending Longwood College this fall but has not yet decided upon a career objective.

Steven Ware Poole, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Travis Poole, Jr. of Appomattox, has been an active member of the National Honor Society, Program for the Gifted and Talented, Newspaper Staff and Varsity Club. He has served as an SCA representative and as treasurer of the senior class. As an athlete Steve has been involved in Wrestling, baseball, J. V. and Varsity football and has completed a lifesaving course. This fall Steve will enroll at Virginia Tech and major in accounting.

Susan Dexter Shorter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Shorter, Sr. of Appomattox, has served as Business Manager and Editor of the Newspaper Staff, Treasurer of SCA, Vice-President and Secretary of the 4-H Club, secretary of the Drama Club and Secretary of the Senior Class. Susan has also been involved in FBLA, National Honor Society and Varsity Club. She has also been involved in J. V. Basketball, Cross Country Track, J. V. Cheerleading and softball. Susan has been recipient of first place honors in a writing competition sponsored by the International Year of the Child and of a $1,000 renewable scholarship award of the Averett Scholars Program. Susan will enter Averett this fall to prepare for a career in journalism communications.

Cindy Ann Simpson is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James E. Simpson of Spout Spring. A member of the National Honor Society, Cindy has also participated in the Art Club, FHA and as secretary of the Latin Club. Cindy attends Reedy Spring Baptist Church where she is an assistant pianist. Planning to major in business, Cindy will be attending Lynchburg College where she is recipient of a $500 renewable Freshman Honors Scholarship.

Marvin Dennis Stratton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stratton of Appomattox, currently combines school activities with work experience. He is employed at Wilbun's Supermarket through a Cooperative Program of Distributive Education. Extracurricular activities for Dennis have been DECA, Program for the Gifted and Talented, Latin Club, SCA Representative, and Treasurer of National Honor Society. For the local FFA chapter he has served as executive committee member, chaplain and secretary, as well as treasurer of the Federation FFA chapter. Dennis plans to attend CVCC where he will major in Accounting.

Thelma Jean Thomas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thomas of Pamplin. Jean will be completing the Drafting Program at ACHS and plans to continue this study at CVCC. Jean has served as both secretary and president of VICA, as chaplain of Tri-Hi-Y and has participated in the National Honor Society and FBLA.

Timothy Hunter Tolley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Tolley, Jr. of Pamplin. During high school Timmy has participated in the National Honor Society, the FFA and Varsity Club. He has been a member of the J. V. Basketball team and Golf team. Timmy plans to

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MRS. CHRISTINE KNIGHT'S 4th grade class has been reading a variety of books . . . historical fiction, biographies, myths, poetry, legends and many other types of literature. Friday, May 15 was designated as "Dress-Up Day". Students selected a favorite character from a book they had read and dressed to represent the one chosen. Students shown above are: Julie Youngblood, Kelly Christ, Keith Leach, Sharon Webb, Dawn Christian, Ray Webb, Joseph Servis, Jeff Garrett, Janet Totty, Lisa Woodall, Candy Barley, Alisa Jenkins, Melinda Garrison, Karen Jaggers, Wilson Randolph, Bobby Swansburg, Danny Richardson.

Miss Grishaw honored

Miss Carolyn Grishaw bride-elect was honored recently with several showers.

On Sat., April 25 a lingerie shower was given by Miss Karen Stevens and Mrs. Gaye Stevens at the Stevens home.

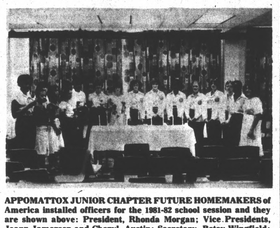
On Sat., May 2nd a kitchen shower was given by Mrs. Dorothy Hamlet and Mrs. Joann Shorter at Mrs. Hamlet home.

On Sun., May 23 a tea was given by Mrs. John T. Paulette at her home.

Among those attending were Mrs. Melvin Grishaw, mother of the bride, Mrs. James Totty, mother of the groom, friends and relatives of the couple.

The marriage of Miss Grishaw to Mr. Dennis Totty will be the event of May 29 at 8:00 p.m. at Evergreen Baptist Church.

Although no invitation are being sent friends and relatives are invited to attend.



APPOMATTOX JUNIOR CHAPTER FUTURE HOMEMAKERS of America installed officers for the 1981-82 school session and they are shown above: President, Rhonda Morgan; Vice Presidents, Joann Jamerson and Cheryl, Austin; Secretary, Betsy Wingfield; Treasurer, Bernadine Garrett; Reporter, Priscilla Bryant; Historian, Renee Harris; Recreation Leader, Angel Goode; Chaplin, Pamela Scruggs. Retiring officers are: President, Ann Caldwell; Vice Presidents, Cindy Clark and Regina Watkins; Secretary, Suzi Ranson; Treasurer Jo Ellen Garrett; Reporter, Sherry Ferguson; Historian Fontella Robinson; Federation, Becky Bass.

Piano auditions set

National Piano auditions will be held on May 29, at Hampden Sydney College.

Eighteen local piano pupils from the Class of Mrs. Virginia Carnefix, Appomattox Music Studio, have registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of The American College of Musicians, of which their teacher is a certified member. This group of young piano hobbyists will play in the National Piano Playing Auditions, and strive for District, State, National or even International honors which the Mother organization will confer according to the number of standard classic, romantic and modern pieces chosen from the

The names of the local entrants, are as follows: Regina Watkins, Anne Hancock, Lisa Williamson, Lisa Bentley, Jo Ellen Garrett, Sherry Wilcox, Cheryl Simpson, Beth Martson, Lisa Woodall, Paige Jones, Cheryl Jennings, Kathy White, David Fedinon, Sheila Mullins, Susan Carnefix, Lisa Rogers, Wendy McClenny and Dawn Lamberth.

Special mass slated

A special mass will be held at Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church in the Oakville School located on highway 26 on Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. It is the celebration of the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Into Heaven and is designated by the Catholic Church as a Holy Day of Obligation.

On May 31 at 10:00 a.m. the Parish Life Committee will host a breakfast at the Oakville School in honor of the 1981 graduates of our Catholic community. The students being honored are Ramona Gagneur, Andrew Fratrick, Gerard Hanson of Appomattox County High School and Billy Alvis of Rustburg High School. Regular Sunday Mass will follow at 12:00 noon with Father Warner as celebrant.

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ASCS Today

By TOM CONRAD
Fire and Sun-Cured Tobacco Tolerance Change - Several weeks ago I mailed to all fire and sun-cured tobacco producers a letter indicating new regulations concerning reporting tolerances. The tolerances were the larger of 0.1 acre of 5% of the total allotment applied to the planted acreage. Anyone exceeding these tolerances would be ineligible for price support.

The regulations have now been revised and producers no longer have to report within 0.1 acre of 5%. Producers are expected to make accurate reports, however as long as the acreage measured on the farm does not exceed the allotment, price support will be available.

June 1 Last Day to Certify Wheat, Barley Crops - Farmers still have a little time left to report the sizes and intended uses of their wheat and barley crops to the ASCS office and qualify for program benefits. June 1 is the last day to certify fall-seeded program crops.

Since there are no set-aside requirements or normal crop acreage limitations, all farmers who file an accurate acreage report will be eligible for deficiency and disaster payments. In 1980 the ASCS office paid farmers $47,704.18 in Disaster payments.

So far, 112 farmers in the county have certified the small grain program crops. Many producers also replanted spring seeded crops and, at the same time, indicated their intentions to participate in the 1981 farm program.

To qualify for program benefits, accurate certification is essential. ASCS will randomly check farms to verify that acreage reports are accurate and also provide aerial photographs for farmers to identify their fields.

To'be sure crop acreages are accurate, farmers may request measurement service. The cost is at least $14.50 per farm and the acreage is guaranteed. Farmers who take advantage of this service will avoid unnecessary worry over the loss of 1981 program benefits.

Appomattox County farmers who have not certified their small grain program crops are urged to do so by June 1. The county ASCS office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Farmers To Harvest 4100 Acres of Fire Tobacco - Virginia farmers are expected to harvest 4100 acres of fire-cured Type 21 tobacco this year, according th USDA's Crop Reporting Board's March intentions report. The 1981 plantings compare with 4000 acres in 1980 and 4800 acres in 1979.

Price support will be made available to eligible producers through loans made to producer associations under contracts with the Commodity Credit Corporation. To be eligible, farmers must certify that they have not used restricted pesticides such as DDT, TDE, toxaphene and endrin on their tobacco.

Tobacco producers with acreage allotments or acreage poundage marketing quotas are required to certify their planted acreage.

Associations to which loans are made are authorized to withhold one cent per pound from the advances to producers to help defray association administration costs.

Nationwide, growers expect to harvest 939 thousand acres of tobacco during 1981, 3 percent more than in 1980. Included in this tobacco acreage total are 531 thousand acres of flue-cured, 321 thousand acres of burley, 24 thousand acres of fire-cured 21 thousand acres of southern Maryland, 10.2 thousand acres of dark air-cured, 14.5 thousand acres of cigar-filled, 14.8 thousand acres of cigar-binder and 2,800 acres of cigar-wrapper.

DSS seeks clothing

The Social Services Department of Appomattox County requests the help of the community in collecting clothing of all sizes for men, women, and children for families in need. Canned foods and staple items are also needed. Donations may be delivered to the office of the Appomattox County Department of Social Services for distribution by volunteer coordinator, Mrs. Jenny Fratrick.

For further information contact the Appomattox County Department of Social Services, at 352-7125.

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